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This is in response to the Office Action mailed 04/11/00, in which Claims 30-41 were pending, Claims 30-41 were rejected and the Action was made final. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's careful review of Claim 40 and proposals for overcoming certain indefiniteness detected in Claim 40. Applicant also notes with appreciation the Examiner's beneficial suggestions during a telephone interview on 06/13/00. Appropriate corrections to incorporate such suggestions are set forth below.

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